



JUDICIAL BRANCH AUDIT

FY 2014 Audit. The Office of Auditor of State recently released the FY 2014 audit for the Iowa Judicial Branch. The Iowa Judicial Branch is comprised of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the District Courts, the Clerks of Court and the Court Administrator. The purpose of the Iowa Judicial Branch is to exercise general, general appellate, and original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases and in all proceedings including probate and juvenile matters. The Iowa Judicial Branch determines rules for admission and discipline of the Iowa bar and adopts rules regulating appellate practice and procedures and promulgates regulations of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, the Board of Law Examiners, and the Board of Shorthand Reporters.

Recommendation. The report makes the following recommendation related to internal control.

- An interpreter contract billed on a per-minute basis for phone interpretive services was identified. The calculated hourly rate of this contract exceeds the hourly rate permitted by the Administrative Directive of the State Court Administrator for court interpreter compensation. The Judicial Branch should ensure all interpreters are compensated according to the Administrative Directive of the State Court Administrator or revise the Directive to include allowable costs on a per-minute basis for phone interpreter services
- The Judicial Branch is in the process of revising the Administrative Directive and will include phone interpretive services in this new Directive.

Additional Information. A full copy of the report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State website at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1560-4440-0R00.pdf>

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